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APPENDIX A

U.S. Published Application No. 2003/0137869 to Kozicki: This document discloses in Fig. 4 and paragraph 68 a memory cell structure having a phase separated ion conductor 402, which includes high resistance portions 404 and low resistance portions 406.

U.S. Published Application No. 2003/0155589 to Campbell et al.: This document discloses a memory element formed as a stack of layers comprising a first electrode, a first chalcogenide glass, a silver-selenide layer, a second glass layer, and a second electrode.



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